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# GOLDWATERSAYS U.S.ISPREPARING FORNEGOTIATED VIETNAMPEACE

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CLEVELAND, Aug. 25—Senator Barry M. Goldwater made the prediction today that the Johnson Administration is preparing to accept a "negotiated peace" in South Viet Nam.

In a hard-hitting speech to an enthusiastic crowd at the national convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Republican presidential nominee charged the Democratic administration with "appeasement and disarmament" and proposed equipping the North Atlantic Treaty Organization with its own stock of tactical nuclear weapons.

In a wide-ranging speech on foreign and defense policy, he denied he had ever suggested that strategic nuclear arms be put under NATO control; pledged, if elected President, to hook western Allies into the American-Soviet "hot line," and attacked the Administration for its proposal for a multinational nuclear naval force inside NATO and for its recent cancellation of a projected new medium-range missile.

## Warm Welcome

When Goldwater walked into Cleveland's big public auditorium, he was given one of the most enthusiastic welcomes he has received in recent days. He was greeted warmly as a life member of the VFW. Joseph J. Lombardo, national commander, praised him as "a good military man," and "a staunch friend of the armed forces and of veterans."

The crowd interrupted his speech with applause 32 times. Goldwater's remarks on South Viet Nam were not included in the advance text of his speech, which was distributed to reporters. However, aids alerted reporters to watch for something important to be added near the end of his address.

He told his audience that "I think we should prepare for the announcement in the very near future of a negotiated peace" in South Viet Nam.

## Opposed Laos-Type Accord

He said the country should oppose a Viet Namese settlement if it is similar to the one that "lost" Laos. He opposed also a settlement that would neutralize the war-torn Far Eastern country, asserting that such an agreement would be "a victory for communism."

The Republican nominee indicated his prediction that the Administration is moving toward a negotiated settlement was based on the publication over the weekend of a report on the situation there by the Central Intelligence Agency.

He said the distribution of "white papers and hints in the press" frequently precede new actions by the Government.

Walter Matthias, a CIA officer, in a report on South Viet Nam, said there are "serious doubts that victory can be won" but that "a prolonged stalemate can be attained" with continued United States aid.

## Accord by Neutralization

Matthias said that "there is also a chance that political revolution within the country and development upon the world scene could lead to some kind of negotiated settlement based upon neutralization."

The Administration defended the right of a CIA officer to make his report but said a possible negotiated settlement based on neutralization does not represent United States policy. It ordered an investigation to determine how a Chicago newspaper obtained the substance of Matthias's report which had been officially classified as secret.

"Studies and analyses of this kind are frequently written within the government," Robert J. McCleskey, State Department press officer told reporters. "Such a paper is not, nor does it purport to be a statement of policy on any of the subjects which it discusses."

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Trouble Spots Worse

Goldwater made two other interpolations in his prepared address. In an obvious reference to last night's keynote address at the Democratic national convention by Senator John O. Pastore of Rhode Island, he remarked, "quite the contrary to the claims I have heard in the past 24 hours, every world trouble spot that we had in 1960 we have in 1964—only worse."

In addition, he said, new areas of crisis have developed under the Democratic Administration. Pastore had said that many world trouble spots have improved under the Kennedy-Johnson leadership.

In another insertion Goldwater took a jab at Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara, one of his favorite targets. "If we can just get a little honesty out of the Secretary of Defense," he said, he would tell us that Russia's power in intermediate missiles aimed at Western Europe is greater than our similar defensive weapons.

## No Identification

The Republican presidential candidate did not elaborate on the "strange and unrealistic notions of appeasement and disarmament" that he said are misleading American officials. Nor did he identify the leaders who, he charged, lack the strength to deter Communism.

Referring to what he apparently regarded as a move toward disarmament, he asserted that the United States is losing the advantage of a "flexible, mixed, tested and balanced" military force through increasing reliance on missiles "whose dependability is yet to be proved, yet to be fully tested."

Goldwater's assertion that the country inherited a balanced military striking force from the Eisenhower Administration is at odds with the views of the Johnson Administration. Its spokesmen say that conventional fighting forces were badly neglected under the Eisenhower doctrine of "massive retaliation," which put heavy emphasis on long-range strategic bombers equipped with nuclear weapons.

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